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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CASP CYCLE

1. CASP DEADLINE REQUIREMENT FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TOTALLY UNREALISTIC, AS ELABORATE GUIDANCE RECEIVED HERE ONLY EIGHT WORK DAYS BEFORE REQUIRED SUBMISSION DATE. MORE SUBSTANTIVE REASONS LISTED BELOW ALSO ARGUE AGAINST MEANINGFUL POLICY DOCUMENT PREPARATION IN THIS TIME FRAME.

2. AMBASSADOR FAY, ARRIVING LATE FEB 23, WILL PROBABLY NOT BE PREPARED TO COME TO NEW CONCLUSIONS AT THIS TIME REGARDING U.S. POLICY OR PRIORITIES HERE. WE ASSUME HE MAY WISH TO DO SO LATER IN THE SPRING. MOREOVER, FROM STANDPOINT OF ANY EMBASSY REASSESSMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO SCENE, IMMINENT NATIONAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN HERE AND ELECTION RESULTS WILL PROVIDE IMPORTANT NEW INSIGHTS INTO POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND TRENDS ON WHICH LONG-TERM U.S. ASSESSMENTS WILL BE BASED. WE WILL BE IN NO POSITION TO DRAW NECESSARY CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS PROCESS, HOWEVER, UNTIL LATE IN FY-1976.

3. WHILE ABOVE FACTORS AND UNREALISTIC LEAD TIME IN PROVISION OF NECESSARY CASP GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS
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MILITATE AGAINST THOROUGH POLICY REASSESSMENT

AT THIS TIME, EMBASSY PLANS TO MEET DEPARTMENT'S SCHEDULE
ESSENTIALLY BY UPDATING OUR CASP SUBMISSION OF LAST YEAR.
INTERIM VIEWS THEREBY PROVIDED, HOWEVER, MAY WELL BE
MODIFIED LATER BY INSIGHTS DRAWN FROM NATIONAL ELECTION
AND NEW PRESPECTIVES AMBASSADOR FAY WILL PROVIDE.
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